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## Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Dear Mr. Fitton:

In response to the April 8, 2015 request from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a temporary extension of Michigan's Children's Waiver Program, which operates under 1915(b) and 1915(c) waiver authorities. These waivers are currently scheduled to expire on September 30, 2015. The 90 day extension allows the 1915(c) Children's Waiver Program, CMS control number 4119.R05, to continue operating through December 29, 2015, at cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver program with Federal financial participation.

The 90 day extension also allows the concurrent 1915(b)(4) Children's Waiver Program (MI-16.R01), which waives 1902(a)(23) within the Social Security Act to limit the providers of the 1915(c) waiver services and certain mental health State Plan services to the Community Mental Health Service Programs, to continue operation. CMS is granting these two temporary extensions in order to allow the state time to discuss program options that will influence the status of the waivers moving forward. CMS expects deliberations will be completed and the state to have made a decision regarding the status of the waivers no later than August 31, 2015.

If you have any questions about this temporary extension or need assistance, please contact Lynell Sanderson, 410-786-2050, <a href="mailto:lynell.sanderson@cms.hhs.gov">lynell.sanderson@cms.hhs.gov</a>; Scott Manning, 410-786-6881, <a href="mailto:scott.manning@cms.hhs.gov">scott.manning@cms.hhs.gov</a>; or Eowyn Ford, 312-886-1684, <a href="mailto:eowyn.ford@cms.hhs.gov">eowyn.ford@cms.hhs.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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